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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

Kalispell Stormwater Quality Treatment Facility – Main and Wyoming Street Outfall to the
Stillwater River
September 2022
City of Kalispell
48.207862, -114.317342
Flathead County

PURPOSE AND NEED

The City of Kalispell is part of the Upper Flathead Valley of Montana. The Upper Flathead Valley is a broad agricultural area generally surrounded by the foothills and mountains of the Flathead National Forest, Stillwater State Forest, and Glacier National Park. The Main and Wyoming Street Stormwater Outfall project is located on Wyoming Street between North Main Street and the stormwater outfall near the eastern end of Wyoming Street.

Kalispell, an MS4 permittee since 2006, has managed a comprehensive stormwater management plan (SWMP) with a mission to protect water quality. Special conditions must be met for Kalispell's MS4 permit because stormwater discharges to the Stillwater River and Kalispell has an allocated sediment waste load allocation established in the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). Kalispell's waste load allocation for sediment has to be met through implementation of MS4 permit practices outlined in the City's SWMP and TMDL Action Plan. Within the DEQ approved TMDL Action Plan, the City identified the construction of water quality treatment facilities at discharge points to an impaired waterbody as a practice to reduce the sediment loading to the Stillwater River.

This project will install a mechanical water quality treatment unit and a stormwater filter water quality treatment device in series at the stormwater outfall near the eastern end of Wyoming Street. The treatment unit will be designed and constructed with the intent to capture the stormwater water quality volume and remove 80% of the total suspended sediments (TSS) prior to discharging to the Stillwater River. Construction is expected to begin September 8, 2022 and completed on October 21, 2022.

Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action (i.e. approve grant or loan and provide funding):

DNRC will approve the grant to provide funding for the Kalispell Stormwater Quality Treatment Facility – Main and Wyoming Street Outfall to the Stillwater River Project.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (ARM 36.17.614) or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)); or are EMERGENCIES (ARM 36.2.539). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION/PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW

☒ Categorical Exclusion (CE) refers to a type of action which does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS, as determined by rulemaking or programmatic review adopted by the agency, unless extraordinary circumstances, as defined by rulemaking or programmatic review, occur. This project qualifies under ARM 36.17.614 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.

☐ Programmatic review means an analysis (EIS or EA) of the impacts on the quality of the human environment of related actions, programs, or policies. DNRC – CARDD does not have any programmatic reviews completed at the time of this template.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances. Included below is a supplemental checklist verifying the use of the Categorical Exclusion.

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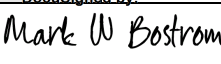
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Figure 1 – Aerial Map of Project – Project Limits Shown in the Yellow Polygon

For assistance in preparing the Environmental Checklist, contact DNRC grant manager listed on grant application.

Environmental Checklist

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Physical Environment		
Impact Code	Impact Type	Explanation of Impact to Resource
1. Soil Suitability, Topographic and/or Geologic Constraints (example: soil lump, steep slopes, subsidence, seismic activity)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<p><u>Current Conditions:</u> The USDA Web Soil Survey site shows the project area as predominately defined as "UI-Urban Land" with the remaining defined as "TA-Tally, Blanchard, and Flathead Soils". The project will occur within an existing City roadway.</p> <p><u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> All utility trenches will be backfilled with imported aggregate materials. Proposed grades will match existing topography, which is relatively flat.</p>
2. Hazardous Facilities (example: power lines, hazardous waste sites, acceptable distance from explosive and flammable hazards including chemical/petrochemical storage tanks, underground fuel storage tanks, and related facilities such as natural gas storage facilities and propane storage tanks)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<p><u>Current Conditions:</u> Project site contains overhead power and underground private utilities. An existing natural gas line exists approximately 100 feet east of the project limits.</p> <p><u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Overhead and underground private utilities will not be impacted.</p>
3. Surrounding Air Quality (example: dust, odors, emissions)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<p><u>Current Conditions:</u> MDEQ has Kalispell listed as a non-attainment community with a threshold of PM10.</p> <p><u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Trench excavation during construction will temporarily create dust. Dust mitigation practices will be utilized during construction.</p>

4. Groundwater Resources and Aquifers (example: quantity, quality, distribution, depth to groundwater, sole source aquifers)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Groundwater is well below the maximum project depth. No wells are located within the project vicinity. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Groundwater resources will not be impacted by project excavation.
5. Surface Water/Water Quality, Quantity and Distribution (example: streams, lakes, storm runoff, irrigation systems, canals)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Surface water is captured within the project area with catch basins located at the curbs of the existing roadway. The catch basins drain to an existing 30 inch storm main, which flows approximately 800 feet to the east and discharges into a slough. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> The proposed project improvements will install storm water treatment devices on the existing storm main that will greatly reduce sediment at the outfall of the storm main and benefit the receiving slough.
6. Floodplains and Floodplain Management (Identify any floodplains within one mile of the boundary of the project.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> The project improvements and existing storm main are located outside of the floodplain. Project will sit at an elevation approximately 20 feet above the nearest floodplain. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Existing storm line outfalls into a slough (outside of the floodplain) approximately 800 feet east of project. Slough then discharges into the Stillwater River (nearest floodplain). Stillwater River currently has a TMDL for sedimentation.
7. Wetlands (Identify any wetlands within one mile of the boundary of the project and state potential impacts.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No wetlands exist within the project limits. Project is located within an urban setting. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Reduction of sediment loads in the storm water flow will benefit downstream riparian habitats along the slough and Stillwater River.
8. Agricultural Lands, Production, and Farmland Protection (example: grazing, forestry, cropland, prime or unique agricultural lands) Identify any prime or important farm ground or forest lands within one mile of the boundary of the project.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project is located within an urban setting. Agricultural lands do not exist within the project limits. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Agricultural lands will not be impacted.
9. Vegetation and Wildlife Species and Habitats, Including Fish (example: terrestrial, avian and aquatic life and habitats)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project construction will be located within a developed urban part of town. The project is within the streetscape of the existing roadway where vegetation and wildlife species do not exist.

		<u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Reduction of sediment levels in the storm water flow will benefit riparian habitats and aquatic life along/within the slough and Stillwater River.
10. Unique, Endangered, Fragile, or Limited Environmental Resources, Including Endangered Species (example: plants, fish or wildlife)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> These resources are not located within the project limits. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Reduction of sediment levels in the storm water flow will benefit riparian habitats and aquatic life along/within the slough and Stillwater River. Potential benefiting species include Bull Trout, listed as Threatened and includes Designated Critical Habitat, and the Meltwater Lednian Stonefly listed as Threatened.
11. Unique Natural Features (example: geologic features)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No impact. Project is located within an existing roadway. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project is planned to be installed in the middle of an existing street. Such features are not located within the project vicinity.
12. Access to, and Quality of, Recreational and Wilderness Activities, Public Lands and Waterways, and Public Open Space		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No impact. Project is located within an existing roadway. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Improvements to water quality for the Stillwater River will improve waterway activities for both the Stillwater River and Flathead Lake.
Human Environment		
Impact Code	Impact Type	Resource
1. Visual Quality – Coherence, Diversity, Compatibility of Use and Scale, Aesthetics		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project is located within an existing City street. Area contains typical visual aesthetics seen with a local urban street (signing, lighting, flatwork). <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project will include additional signing that will impact the visual aesthetics of the intersection.
2. Nuisances (example: glare, fumes)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> There are no nuisances currently within the project area. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project will require relocation of a section of watermain and the immediate properties along the project will require temporary water service disruptions. Roadway will need to be detoured during construction.
3. Noise – Suitable Separation Between Housing and Other Noise Sensitive Activities and Major Noise Sources (example: aircraft, highways and railroads.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project currently experiences typical street noise for an urban local street. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Construction of the project will create temporary construction noises. Contractor will be limited to working hours of 8am to 7pm.

4. Historic Properties, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources** <i>(Please see end of Environmental Checklist for details if Cultural Survey has not been performed per SHPO Section 106)</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> None present with the nature and history of the project area. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Properties/resources with this classification are not located within the existing roadway.
5. Changes in Demographic (Population) Characteristics (example: quantity, distribution, density)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No Change. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project will not have direct impacts to the general public distribution.
6. General Housing Conditions – Quality, Quantity, Affordability		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project is located on public property. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project does not affect housing in the area.
7. Businesses or Residents (example: loss of, displacement, or relocation)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project is located in a residential, urban area of town. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change. Project will not require displacement or relocation of private properties, facilities.
8. Public Health and Safety		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No Impact. Project area does not currently experience these issues. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project will add a new pedestrian crossing at the intersection where there is none currently. MUTCD compliant traffic control will be required during the duration of the project.
9. Local Employment – Quantity or Distribution of Employment, Economic Impact		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No Impact. Project will not impact employers. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Local Contractors will likely be constructing the project.
10. Income Patterns – Economic Impact		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No impact. Proposed improvements will be publically owned. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.
11. Local and State Tax Base and Revenues		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No impact. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.

12. Community and Government Services and Facilities (example: educational facilities; health and medical services and facilities; police; emergency medical services; and parks, playgrounds and open space)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> These types of facilities/services are not located within the project area. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.
13. Commercial and Industrial Facilities – Production and Activity, Growth or Decline		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> These types of facilities/services are not located within the project area. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.
14. Social Structures and Mores (example: standards of social conduct/social conventions)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> No impact. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.
15. Land Use Compatibility (example: growth, land use change, development activity, adjacent land uses and potential conflicts)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project area will be contained within the public right-of-way. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project area will not change land use or development potential.
16. Energy Resources – Consumption and Conservation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Existing storm water system is a gravity system and does not require energy for normal function. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.
17. Solid Waste Management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Residential area is currently served with solid waste services. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Pick up schedules will be coordinated with City staff and accommodations will be made to not disrupt service.
18. Wastewater Treatment – Sewage System		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project improvements will cross over an existing sanitary sewer main. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> The existing sewer is planned to remain in place and will not be impacted.
19. Storm Water – Surface Drainage		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Storm water is captured within the project area with catch basins located at the curbs of the existing roadway. The catch basins drain to an existing 30 inch storm main, which flows approximately 800 feet to the east and discharges into a slough. Existing storm water system is approximately 40 years old and in good condition. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project goal is to reduce storm water sedimentation with the use of storm water treatment structures and sumps within the proposed manholes.

20. Community Water Supply		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> A 6 inch and 20 inch watermain currently cross the project and an 8 inch watermain runs adjacent to one of the proposed treatment structures. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project will require relocation of the adjacent watermain (8 inch) and the immediate properties along the project will require temporary water service disruptions. The 6 and 20 inch watermains will be avoided with project improvements.
21. Fire Protection – Hazards		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Residential area is currently served with City Fire Protection. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Fire protection will remain intact during construction and traffic control with be coordinated with appropriate City staff.
22. Cultural Facilities, Cultural Uniqueness and Diversity		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> These items do exist within the project area. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> No change.
23. Transportation Networks and Traffic Flow Conflicts (example: rail; auto including local traffic; airport runway clear zones – avoidance of incompatible land use in airport runway clear zones)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project area is located at an intersection of two local roadways. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Temporary detour will be required during construction. Traffic patterns will revert back to normal at the end of construction.
24. Consistency with Local Ordinances, Resolutions, or Plans (example: conformance with local comprehensive plans, zoning, or capital improvement plans.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project is consistent with City Ordinances and plans. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Project has been identified as a priority in the City's annual Stormwater TMDL Action Plan.
25. Private Property Rights (example: a regulatory action or project activity that reduces, minimizes, or eliminates the use of private property.)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direct <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative	<u>Current Conditions:</u> Project is located on public property. <u>Preferred Alternative Environmental Narrative:</u> Private property impacts are anticipated to be limited to those items mentioned and will be temporary.

Additional Information

****If no cultural survey has been performed, or is not expected to be needed, applicant must agree to the following statement:**

☒ I hereby agree that, to my knowledge, there are no cultural or paleontological materials in the proposed project site. If previously unknown cultural or paleontological materials are identified during project related activities, the DNRC grant manager will be notified, and all work will cease until a professional assessment of such resources can be made.

List all sources of information used to complete the Environmental Checklist. Sources may include studies, plans, documents, or the individuals, organizations, or agencies contacted for assistance. For individuals, groups, or agencies, please include a contact person and phone number. List any scoping documents or meetings and/or public meetings during project development.

City of Kalispell staff
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Project Plans
City Comprehensive Plans
USDA Natural Resource Database
MDEQ Nonattainment Areas
FEMA Floodplain Mapping – Flathead County Interactive Map
US Fish and Wildlife National Wetlands Inventory

Below is a list of electronic resources available for data gathering to aid in the development of the Environmental Checklist:

Abandoned Mines (DEQ): <https://deq.mt.gov/Land/abandonedmines/bluebook>

Agricultural Statistics (USDA): [USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - Data and Statistics](#)

Air Quality

- Nonattainment Areas: [Plan and Rule Development | Montana DEQ \(mt.gov\)](#)
- Opening Burning Guidelines: [Open Burning | Montana DEQ \(mt.gov\)](#)

Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Home.aspx>

Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UM: <http://www.bber.umt.edu/>

Cadastral (for property ownership info): <http://svc.mt.gov/msl/mtcadastral>

Census Information, MT Dept. of Commerce: <http://ceic.mt.gov>

Conservation Districts, MT: <http://macdnet.org/>

Cultural Records

- Montana Historical Society: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/culturalrecords.asp>

DEQ data search tools: [Montana DEQ's GIS Portal \(mt.gov\)](#)

- Including Clean Water Act Info Center, Hazardous Waste Handlers, Petroleum Release Fund Claims, Unpermitted Releases, Underground Storage Tanks, Source Water Protection

EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online <http://echo.epa.gov/>

Farmland Classification: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

Fish (Also See Wildlife)

- Montana Fisheries Information System: [Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks GIS Data \(arcgis.com\)](#)

- Aquatic Invasive Species: [Montana FWP AIS Surveys Dashboard 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)

Floodplain Maps, FEMA: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>

Geographic Information, Natural Resources Information System: <http://nris.mt.gov/gis>

Geologic Information - [MBMG - Publications - Download Geologic Maps \(mtech.edu\)](http://mtech.edu)

Maps of Montana for species observations, land cover, wetland and riparian areas, land management: [Montana Natural Heritage Program \(mtnhp.org\)](http://mtnhp.org); <http://mtnhp.org/mapviewer/?t=6>

Montana Department of Transportation Environmental Manual:
<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/manuals/env/preface.pdf>

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Information System:
<http://bogc.dnrc.mt.gov/webApps/DataMiner/>

Plants

- Plant database, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: <http://plants.usda.gov/java>
- Plant Species, MT Field Guide: <http://fieldguide.mt.gov/default.aspx>
- Plant Species of Concern: <http://mtnhp.org/SpeciesOfConcern/Default.aspx?AorP=p>
- Threatened and endangered plants, USDA: <http://plants.usda.gov/threat.html>

Soils

- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service database:
<https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>
- Montana soil and water conservation districts: <http://swcdmi.org/>

State Historic Preservation Office: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo>

Tourism, UM – Institute of Tourism & Recreation Research: <http://www.itrr.umt.edu>

Tribal Resources:

- Blackfeet Tribal Environmental Permits: <http://www.blackfeetenvironmental.com>
- CSKT Natural Resources Department: <http://nrd.csktribes.org/>
- Montana Office of Indian Affairs: <http://tribalnations.mt.gov/>
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer List [Search - NATHPO](#)

Vehicle Traffic Count (MDT): <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/traffic.shtml>

Water

- Stream Record Extension Facilitator, USGS: [USGS | National Water Dashboard](http://usgs.gov)
- Streamstats basin characteristics, USGS: <http://water.usgs.gov/osw/streamstats/>
- Water Resources Division, DNRC: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water> ; [ArcGIS Web Application \(mt.gov\)](#)

- Water Rights Bureau, DNRC: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/water-rights>
- Water Right Query System, DNRC: [DNRC Water Right Query System \(mt.gov\)](http://dnrc.mt.gov/WaterRightQuerySystem)
- Wetlands database, USFWS: <http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/mapper.html>

Wild and Scenic Rivers: <http://www.rivers.gov/montana.php>

Wildlife

- Animal Species, MT Field Guide: <http://fieldguide.mt.gov/default.aspx>
- Animal Species of Concern: <http://mtnhp.org/SpeciesOfConcern/Default.aspx?AorP=a>
- Aquatic Invasive Species: [Montana FWP AIS Surveys Dashboard 2021 \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com/arcgis/proxy/arcgis/info?view=3&layers=0&layers=1&layers=2&layers=3&layers=4&layers=5&layers=6&layers=7&layers=8&layers=9&layers=10&layers=11&layers=12&layers=13&layers=14&layers=15&layers=16&layers=17&layers=18&layers=19&layers=20&layers=21&layers=22&layers=23&layers=24&layers=25&layers=26&layers=27&layers=28&layers=29&layers=30&layers=31&layers=32&layers=33&layers=34&layers=35&layers=36&layers=37&layers=38&layers=39&layers=40&layers=41&layers=42&layers=43&layers=44&layers=45&layers=46&layers=47&layers=48&layers=49&layers=50&layers=51&layers=52&layers=53&layers=54&layers=55&layers=56&layers=57&layers=58&layers=59&layers=60&layers=61&layers=62&layers=63&layers=64&layers=65&layers=66&layers=67&layers=68&layers=69&layers=70&layers=71&layers=72&layers=73&layers=74&layers=75&layers=76&layers=77&layers=78&layers=79&layers=80&layers=81&layers=82&layers=83&layers=84&layers=85&layers=86&layers=87&layers=88&layers=89&layers=90&layers=91&layers=92&layers=93&layers=94&layers=95&layers=96&layers=97&layers=98&layers=99)
- Critical Habitat Mapper, USFWS: <http://ecos.fws.gov/crithab/>
- Crucial Areas Planning System/Habitat Assessment Tool: [Habitat MT \(HB 526\) Funded Lands \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com/arcgis/proxy/arcgis/info?view=3&layers=0&layers=1&layers=2&layers=3&layers=4&layers=5&layers=6&layers=7&layers=8&layers=9&layers=10&layers=11&layers=12&layers=13&layers=14&layers=15&layers=16&layers=17&layers=18&layers=19&layers=20&layers=21&layers=22&layers=23&layers=24&layers=25&layers=26&layers=27&layers=28&layers=29&layers=30&layers=31&layers=32&layers=33&layers=34&layers=35&layers=36&layers=37&layers=38&layers=39&layers=40&layers=41&layers=42&layers=43&layers=44&layers=45&layers=46&layers=47&layers=48&layers=49&layers=50&layers=51&layers=52&layers=53&layers=54&layers=55&layers=56&layers=57&layers=58&layers=59&layers=60&layers=61&layers=62&layers=63&layers=64&layers=65&layers=66&layers=67&layers=68&layers=69&layers=70&layers=71&layers=72&layers=73&layers=74&layers=75&layers=76&layers=77&layers=78&layers=79&layers=80&layers=81&layers=82&layers=83&layers=84&layers=85&layers=86&layers=87&layers=88&layers=89&layers=90&layers=91&layers=92&layers=93&layers=94&layers=95&layers=96&layers=97&layers=98&layers=99)
- FWP Contact Map: <http://fwp.mt.gov/gis/maps/contactUs/> (includes biologist responsibility areas)
- Maps and GIS Data, FWP: [Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks GIS Data \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com/arcgis/proxy/arcgis/info?view=3&layers=0&layers=1&layers=2&layers=3&layers=4&layers=5&layers=6&layers=7&layers=8&layers=9&layers=10&layers=11&layers=12&layers=13&layers=14&layers=15&layers=16&layers=17&layers=18&layers=19&layers=20&layers=21&layers=22&layers=23&layers=24&layers=25&layers=26&layers=27&layers=28&layers=29&layers=30&layers=31&layers=32&layers=33&layers=34&layers=35&layers=36&layers=37&layers=38&layers=39&layers=40&layers=41&layers=42&layers=43&layers=44&layers=45&layers=46&layers=47&layers=48&layers=49&layers=50&layers=51&layers=52&layers=53&layers=54&layers=55&layers=56&layers=57&layers=58&layers=59&layers=60&layers=61&layers=62&layers=63&layers=64&layers=65&layers=66&layers=67&layers=68&layers=69&layers=70&layers=71&layers=72&layers=73&layers=74&layers=75&layers=76&layers=77&layers=78&layers=79&layers=80&layers=81&layers=82&layers=83&layers=84&layers=85&layers=86&layers=87&layers=88&layers=89&layers=90&layers=91&layers=92&layers=93&layers=94&layers=95&layers=96&layers=97&layers=98&layers=99)
- Sage grouse management, FWP: [Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks GIS Data : Sage-grouse Habitat/Current Distribution \(Montana\) : Sage-grouse Habitat/Current Distribution \(Montana\) \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com/arcgis/proxy/arcgis/info?view=3&layers=0&layers=1&layers=2&layers=3&layers=4&layers=5&layers=6&layers=7&layers=8&layers=9&layers=10&layers=11&layers=12&layers=13&layers=14&layers=15&layers=16&layers=17&layers=18&layers=19&layers=20&layers=21&layers=22&layers=23&layers=24&layers=25&layers=26&layers=27&layers=28&layers=29&layers=30&layers=31&layers=32&layers=33&layers=34&layers=35&layers=36&layers=37&layers=38&layers=39&layers=40&layers=41&layers=42&layers=43&layers=44&layers=45&layers=46&layers=47&layers=48&layers=49&layers=50&layers=51&layers=52&layers=53&layers=54&layers=55&layers=56&layers=57&layers=58&layers=59&layers=60&layers=61&layers=62&layers=63&layers=64&layers=65&layers=66&layers=67&layers=68&layers=69&layers=70&layers=71&layers=72&layers=73&layers=74&layers=75&layers=76&layers=77&layers=78&layers=79&layers=80&layers=81&layers=82&layers=83&layers=84&layers=85&layers=86&layers=87&layers=88&layers=89&layers=90&layers=91&layers=92&layers=93&layers=94&layers=95&layers=96&layers=97&layers=98&layers=99)
- Sage grouse habitat conservation program, DNRC: <http://sagegrouse.mt.gov/>
- Sage grouse habitat map: <https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/ProgramMap>

DNRC CARDD DOCUMENTATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION CHECKLIST

Project Name: Kalispell Stormwater Quality Treatment Facility- Main and Wyoming Street Outfall to the Stillwater River

Brief Description: The purpose of the project is to install water quality treatment sized to serve the 100 acres of drainage area upstream of the outfall comprised of a mix of commercial, industrial, and residential use to reduce the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) discharge of sediment to the Stillwater River.

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Date: 4/1/2022

Preparer: Demi Blythe – MEPA/NEPA Coordinator

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation action under 36.17.614, is excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) if the application for department review is for any of the following projects:

(a) Projects relating to existing infrastructure systems such as sewer and septic systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems, dams, culverts, headgates, canal lining, siphons, pipelines, pump sites, lift stations, irrigation infrastructure, that involve:
[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", an EA or EIS must be completed. If any answer is yes, skip to (b).]

1. Yes - Minor upgrading; or
2. No - Minor expansion of system capacity; or
3. Yes - Rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components; or
4. No - Construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities; or
5. No - Projects in unsewered communities involving the replacement of existing on-site systems, provided that the new on-site systems do not result in substantial increases in the volume of discharges or in loadings of pollutants from existing sources, and do not relocate existing discharges; or
6. No - Use of sampling and monitoring wells to test for the presence of contaminants such as, but not limited to, metals and petroleum; or
7. No - Activities that do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning studies, scientific research and analysis, surveys, or engineering.

(b) A categorical exclusion may NOT be granted for a department action if:

[Answer yes or no. If all answers "no", skip to (c). If any answer is yes, an EA or EIS must be completed.]

1. No - The action would authorize facilities that will provide a new discharge or relocate an existing discharge to ground or surface waters;
2. No - The action would result in an increase above permit levels established for the facility under the Montana pollutant discharge elimination system or Montana ground water pollution control system for either volume of discharge or loading rate of pollutants to receiving waters;
3. No - The action would authorize facilities that will provide capacity to serve a population at least 30% greater than the existing population;
4. No - The action is not supported by the state, or other regional growth plan or strategy;
5. No - The action directly or indirectly involves or relates to upgrading or extending infrastructure systems primarily for the purposes of future development;
6. No - The department has received information indicating that public controversy exists over the project's potential effects on the quality of the human environment;
7. No - The department determines that the proposed project that is the subject of the state action shows some potential for causing a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, based on ARM 36.2.524, or might possibly affect:
 - (i) sensitive environmental or cultural resource areas; or
 - (ii) endangered or threatened species and their critical habitats.

(c) If the proposed project meets the conditions above in determining use of a CATEX, the

reviewer will then complete items below as follows:

[Once all steps are complete, reviewer shall sign and date at bottom. If revocation becomes necessary, reviewer shall initiate an EA or EIS as appropriate.]

1. Yes - Project meets the above Categorical Exclusion criteria.
2. Yes - DNRC determination of Categorical Exclusion.
3. Yes - DNRC distributes the Notice of Determination.
4. Yes - Notice of Publication and cover letter (containing revocation language below) is delivered to recipient.
5. Yes - Notice of Publication published in local newspaper by recipient and evidence of publication provided to reviewer.

(d) The department may revoke a categorical exclusion if:

[Only complete the steps below if revocation of a previously implemented CATEX becomes necessary.]

1. Choose an item. - The project is not initiated within the time period specified in the facility plan, or a new or modified application is submitted;
2. Choose an item. - The proposed action no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion because of changes in the proposed action;
3. Choose an item. - New evidence demonstrates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or
4. Choose an item. - State, local, tribal, or federal laws may be violated.

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COMPLETION DATE